



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2018

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Russia

On November 20, ballet lovers around the world celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Maya Mikhailovna Plisetskaya, the great ballerina who transcended the boundaries of dance, leaving her mark in literature, fashion, cinema, music, and beyond.

Source: 'Maya Plisetskaya: A life in Art' by Anna Galayda.

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Azerbaijan

Sakina Akhundzadeh: the first feminist playwright from Azerbaijan.

Sakina was the first known female playwright and dramatist in #Azerbaijani literature. Her first play entitled Elmin manfaati ("The Benefit of Science") was staged for the first time in 1904.

She was to be acknowledged as the first feminist playwright, with many of her plays dealing with the life of Azeri women at the beginning of the 20th century.

On the photo: Sakina Akhundzadeh with pupils of Baku muslim girls school of Taghiyev, 1903. (Photo: Azerbaijan State Theater Museum)

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AZERBAIJAN

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Interested in learning more about the fascinating culture of the BSEC Member States?

Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2018 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, the ICBSS is launching the 2nd “BSEC Month of Culture”, a month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the ICBSS launches the 2nd “BSEC Month of Culture”, from 1st to 30th November 2018, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on *literature, music, theatre & performance art, painting/sculpting, monuments* and *gastronomy*, including short videos and photos.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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